

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Wanda Grinde, on February 21, 2009 at  
7:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Wanda Grinde, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Paul Beck (D)  
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)  
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Dee Brown (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)  
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)

**Staff Present:** Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary  
Jeremy Gersovitz, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Executive Action: HB 512, HB 513, HB 514, HB 433,  
HB 611, HB 488

00:00:00 Chairman Grinde

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 512**

00:09:38 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 512 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:10:00 Rep. Lake

00:10:33 Rep. Bean

00:12:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Boniek, Rep. Lake and Rep. Wagner voting no. Rep. Butcher voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 513**

00:13:28 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 513 DO PASS.**

00:14:32 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 513 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(edh41a01)

**Discussion:**

00:14:42 Mr. Gersovitz

00:14:52 Rep. Brown

00:15:32 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards' Association

00:17:11 **Vote:** Motion on HB 513 Amendment carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:17:23 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved **HB 513 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

00:17:47 Rep. Brown

00:19:25 **Vote:** Motion **HB 513 DO PASS AS AMENDED** carried 10-6 by roll call vote with Reps. Blasdel, Boniek, Brown, Lake, Butcher, and Wagner voting no. Rep. Butcher voted by proxy.

00:19:54 Chairman Grinde

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 433**

00:21:30 **Motion:** Rep. Malek moved that **HB 433 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:21:40 Rep. Boniek  
 00:24:21 Rep. Lake  
 00:26:02 Rep. Wagner  
 00:27:58 Rep. Fleming  
 00:28:50 Rep. Beck  
 00:29:53 Rep. Washburn  
 00:31:36 Rep. Brown  
 00:32:35 Rep. McClafferty  
 00:33:54 Rep. Malek  
 00:36:53 Rep. Wilmer  
 00:39:02 Chairman Grinde

00:39:08 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Hamilton, Wilmer, Malek, McClafferty, Calf Boss Ribs, Grinde voting aye. Rep. Butcher voted by proxy.

00:39:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brown moved that **HB 433 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Butcher voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 514**

00:40:26 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved **HB 514 DO PASS**.

00:40:37 **Motion:** Rep. Washburn moved **HB 514 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT (edh41a02)**

00:41:01 Chairman Grinde  
 00:41:14 Rep. Washburn

00:41:36 **Vote:** Motion on amendment carried 16-0 by voice vote. Rep. Butcher voted by proxy.

00:42:16 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved **HB 514 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT (edh41a03)**

**Discussion:**

00:42:37 Mr. Gersovitz  
 00:44:13 Rep. Brown  
 00:45:12 Rep. Wagner

00:45:51 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-13 with Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Boniek and Chairman Grinde voting aye by voice vote. Rep. Butcher voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:46:36 Chairman Grinde  
00:46:40 Rep. Boniek  
00:47:17 Rep. Washburn  
00:47:43 Mr. Gersovitz  
00:47:51 Rep. Brown

00:48:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bean moved that **HB 514 BE TABLED**.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Butcher  
and Rep. Beck voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 488**

00:48:50 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved **HB 488 DO PASS**.

00:48:58 **Motion:** Rep. Lake moved **HB 488 BE AMENDED**.  
**EXHIBIT (edh41a04)**

**Discussion:**

00:50:00 Rep. Wilmer  
00:50:17 Rep. Lake  
00:50:35 Rep. Malek  
00:51:08 Rep. Brown  
00:51:35 Rep. Lake

00:51:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-2 by voice vote with Rep Bean  
and Rep. Wagner voting no. Rep. Butcher voted by  
proxy.

00:52:07 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved **HB 488 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

00:52:15 Chairman Grinde

00:52:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-3 by voice vote with Reps.  
Bean, Brown and Wagner voting no. Rep. Beck and Rep.  
Butcher voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 611**

00:53:03 **Motion:** Rep. Brown moved **HB 611 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:53:11 Rep. Wilmer  
00:53:30 Rep. Brown  
00:53:50 Rep. Malek

00:53:59 Rep. Bean

00:54:13 Rep. Washburn

00:54:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-1 by roll call vote with Rep.  
Malek voting no. Rep. Butcher voted by proxy.

00:56:38 Chairman Grinde

**ADJOURNMENT**

00:58:58 Adjournment: 8:00 A.M.

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Debbie Carlson, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([edh41aad.pdf](#))**